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In re Application of
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For: NOVEL ADSORBENT

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REQUEST FOR A THREE- MONTH EXTENSION OF
TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136(a)

Sir:

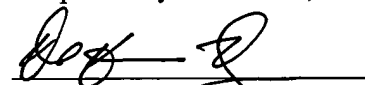
Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time, up to and including January 3, 2003 in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002. Applicants have paid the fee for a three-month extension of time. Accordingly, a fee in the amount of \$465.00 for a three-month extension is enclosed. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

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